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Application Number	09/940,716
Filing Date	August 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	I. Muraguchi, et al.
Art Unit	2872
Examiner Name	R. Shafer
Attorney Docket Number	02410250AA

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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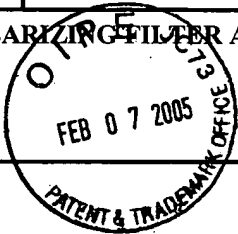
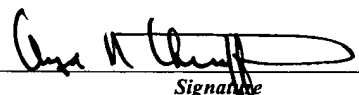
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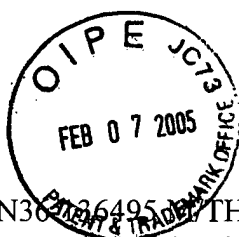
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Applicant(s): I. Muraguchi, et al.						
Application No. 09/940,716	Filing Date August 29, 2001	Examiner R. Shafer	Customer No. 30743	Group Art Unit 2872	Confirmation No. 5755	
Invention: POLARIZING FILTER AND OPTICAL DEVICE USING THE SAME						
						
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AMENDMENT WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

In response to a final Office Action mailed 11/05/2004, and further in response to an Advisory Action mailed 02/03/2005 in response to an amendment after final submitted on 01/24/2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.